(c) and (d) In a number of cases problems have been caused due to irresponsible acts of the pilots besides some cases of overbookings which is an industry practice. The passengers offloaded are accommodated in subsequent flights. This matter was also discussed in the last meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee held on 29/30 March, 2000. The members of the Committee deplored the indiscipline in Air India pilots and advised strong action. Government is seized of the matter.

Notification on Prohibition of Employment of Contract Labour

4572. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Gazette Notification was issued by the Ministry of Labour on 16th November, 1999 prohibiting employment of contract labour in certain jobs/operations and processes in Air India, Indian Airlines and Airports Authority of India;

(b) the steps taken so far by Air India, Indian Airlines for implementation of the above Notification;

(c) whether Airports Authority of India has filed a writ petition challenging the above Notification;

(d) if so, whether the Airports Authority of India management got prior approval of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and

(e) if not, the action taken by the Ministry against the management of Ariports Authority of India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India and Indian Airlines have filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. The matter is thus, sub-judice.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) No Sir, the Writ Petition was filed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) challenging the Notification as AAI considered the notification not in accordance with the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 and Rules thereof.